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### **WALK-A-THON TO DRAW ATTENTION TO NEED FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS**

HICKORY -- Family Builders of Catawba Valley will hold a Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, Nov. 3 to raise awareness of the need for adoptive parents. November is Adoption Awareness Month.

Just gather a team of friends, family, or simply yourself and walk. No fund raising for the walk is needed. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. the day of the event, and the walk will take place from 10-11 a.m. at Southside Park in Newton.

Doughnuts, coffee and hot chocolate will be served to walkers, courtesy of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Starbucks. The team with the most walkers will win a prize. Participants making a donation of at least \$10 will receive a free Adoption Awareness Walk-a-Thon tee shirt. A special guest will relate their adoption experience prior to the walk.

Family Builders of Catawba Valley works with families wanting to adopt children in Catawba County. Single persons as well as married couples are eligible to adopt. Family Builders also licenses foster parents. An informational meeting for prospective foster and adoptive parents is held the second Tuesday of each month at 6-7 p.m. at the Family Services Center, located at 3050 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, behind Catawba Valley Medical Center.

For more information about the Adoption Awareness Walk-a-Thon, contact Leigh Ann Vaughn at Family Builders at 828-465-8995. Additional information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent is also available online at [www.familybuilderscv.org](http://www.familybuilderscv.org).